

Solemnity of Christ-King of the Universe

November 21, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In 1927, a revolution broke out in Mexico. Cruel despots took it out on the Church and faithful Catholics. Priests were hunted down and shot to death. Outstanding among them was the Jesuit, Fr. Miguel

> Pro. Men and women were thrown into prison, their property confiscated. Youth rallied to the Catholics' cause and gave up their lives rather than betray their faith.

Thousands died, shouting "Viva Cristo Rey" ("Long live Christ the King:") as they faced the firing squads. The revolution has passed, Mexico is more Catholic today than ever. Catholic Mexico bore witness to the truth.

Jesus stood before Pilate, Procurator of Judea, representative of the Roman Empire, the greatest empire the world had as yet seen: Pilate, self-confident at first, arrogant, and anxious to finish this unpleasant business in quick order. And Jesus? He stood there, bond by cords, covered with blood and dirt and spittle, hair disheveled, accused of the crime of lesser majesty, handed over to be judged by Pilate as guilty of death. And he really claims to be king?

Jesus is not king of some other earthly empire that hopes to rival Rome. Not at all! He is no pretender to the temporal throne of David which had ruled the land for centuries and now lay in ruins. Far from it! He is not one of those zealot leaders who planned to put an end to foreign domination as others had tried in the past. No! Jesus has no designs of violence; he has no lust for temporal power. He does not aim at Caesar's throne nor any other earthly one. His is an empire vaster than all the empires of the world put together, yet it is not of this world. His is a kingdom that far exceeds the bounds of earth. He is the King of the Universe, universal ruler having power over all creatures "high above every name that can be given in this age or the age to come (Ephesians 1:21).

As vast as the universe is the domain of Christ's reign, he is the center of the cosmos, for all things in the heavens and on earth will be brought under his headship. He stood before the representative of the Roman Empire to be judged and be condemned. Yet a day will come when the very Emperor will fall at his feet and adore him, and all the subjects will bend their knees to him. The Roman Empire crumbled and passed away. Christ's reign will never pass away. "His

dominion is an everlasting dominion, that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

The annual celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King is a splendid opportunity for all of us to renew our loyalty to him who has shown such love for us and who reigns now with such admirable goodness and mercy. Let us not only enthrone Jesus on a pedestal but let him be enthroned in our hearts. He who lives forever and ever.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tues.	November 23	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Wed.	November 24	11:00AM
Ric Liquid †		Jenny
Thur.	November 25	9:00AM
People of the Parish Fri.	November 26	11:00AM
Christina Quiapo	November 20	Mom & Dad
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Sat.	November 27	4:30PM
Sid Jensen Sr. †		Family
Sun.	November 28	9:00AM
Matthew Panaligan		Lily Militar
Port Costa		11:00AM
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St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY- FRIDAY NEXT WEEK!



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Breaking Bread Mass Book

With the pandemic still surrounding us, our Mass aides are still unavailable because we cannot clean them properly without damaging them. We know that many would like to follow during Mass, and we have the new Breaking Bread music and reading books (Advent 2021-Thanksgiving 2022) available. If you are interested in a personal copy for a \$10 donation, please come by the office or let Father Leo know!

Mission Alignment Process

A gracious thank you to all for helping with this important project! You have until Monday night, November 22nd if you haven't filled out the online survey! We are at 55%!!

Here is the link:

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/k4xck2

The results are estimated to be back with us in early Spring, and we will let you know everything that we learn!

Current Mass Protocol

- All persons need to wear masks indoors; currently no one is required to wear masks outdoors.
- Social distancing is not required, though we do ask to keep others in mind as we work our way back to "normal."
- Although the Diocese has okayed the use of worship aids, such as the missalettes, it is still recommended to stick to single use items. As there is no good way to clean the missalettes and prayer cards without wearing them down St. Rose/St. Patrick will not be setting these back out just yet.
- The Sign of Peace will still be without physical contact.



Mass next Thursday, November 25th, Thanksgiving, will be held at 9:00AM at St. Rose.



Snowflakes

With the beginning of Advent next week, we are inviting all who visit our parishes during the season to sponsor a snowflake as a fundraiser (suggested donation of \$5). Your snowflakes can be for whatever intentions you hold in your heart. The snowflakes will be hung up on trees at both St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission, and you are welcome to write the intentions on the snowflakes themselves, leave them blank or simply put your family name. Snowflakes will be available at the office and before all masses.





Our parish is having a Mexican drive-thru dinner on Friday, December 10th as part of our celebration of la Virgen de Guadalupe. Our serving hours will be 4:30PM -6:30PM, and the price of a ticket is \$18. Your dinner will include two chicken enchiladas, a beef taco, beans and rice and tortilla chips with salsa.



Reserve your dinner by Monday, December 6th.

For more information, or if you would like to help, please call the office, 787-2052. Spread the word, and come out and support our parish!

